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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY (MFA) JULY 11 PROPOSED FOLLOWING SCHEDULE REPLACING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE PROVIDED REFTEL: JULY 14

1640 ARRIVE PRAGUE. MET BY AMBASSADOR BYRNE,
JAROSLAV ZANTOVSKY, DIRECTOR OF MFA SIXTH
DEPARTMENT AND MIROSLAV HOLUB, DEPUTY SECRETARY,
CZECHOSLOVAK INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SOCIETY.

1715 APPROX. CALL ON VASIL BILAK, WHO IS SECOND RANKING COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY (AFTER GUSTAV HUSAK) BUT WHO WILL RECEIVE YOU IN CAPACITY OF MEMBER OF PRESIDIUM OF FEDERAL ASSEMBLY.

2030 DINNER AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ATTENDED BY ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER MECISLAV JABLONSKY; FEDERAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTY CHAIRMAN BOHUSLAV KUCERA; MR. ZANTOVSKY AND POSSIBLY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER DUSAN SPACIL (ATTENDANCE BY WIVES SO FAR UNCERTAIN).

JULY 15

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KARLOVY VARY AT 0900 WITH TOUR OF SPA, LUNCHEON AND VISIT TO MOSER GLASS EXHIBIT FOLLOWED BY RETURN TO PRAGUE. IT APPEARS NO NATIONAL LEVEL OFFICIAL WOULD ATTEND LUNCHEON. TRIP COULD INVOLVE 90 MINUTE EACH WAY. AS LESS STRENUOUS AND MORE INTERESTING ALTERNATIVE WE PROPOSE MORNING EMBASSY BRIEFING (IF DESIRED) FOLLOWED

BY SIGHTSEEING IN PRAGUE OR VISIT TO CASTLE OUTSIDE PRAGUE. IN EITHER CASE FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL PROVIDE DINNER AT PRAGUE RESTAURANT.

JULY 16

0900 VISIT TO CHARLES IV EXHIBIT DESCRIBED REFTEL, FOLLOWED BY SIGHTSEEING IN CHARLES BRIDGE AREA AND LIGHT SNACK PRIOR TO DEPARTING FOR AIRPORT. 1300 ARRIVE AIRPORT 1340 DEPART FOR LONDON

- 2. FGEIGN MINISTRY HAS MADE NO PLANS FOR PRESS CONFERENCE BUT CANNOT RULE OUT REPORTERS APPEARING TO INTERVIEW YOU AT SOME POINT. GERWIN OF REUTERS WILL NOT RPT NOT BE IN PRAUGE DURING VISIT.
- 3. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON CZECHOSLOVUNK OFFICIALS FOLLOWS SEPTEL.

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